

## Reading Comprehension Worksheet

# Lions



The lion is the second-largest living cat after the tiger and mostly now live in eastern and southern Africa. Lions live for ten to fourteen years in the wild and they typically inhabit savanna and grassland, although they may take to bush and forest.

The lion is taller than the tiger. The mane of the adult male lion, unique among cats, is one of the most distinctive characteristics of the species and it makes the lion appear larger.

Lions spend much of their time resting and are inactive for about 20 hours per day. They spend an average of two hours a day walking and 50 minutes eating.

Lionesses do most of the hunting for their pride, being smaller, swifter and more agile than the male. They are capable of killing other predators such as leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, and wild dogs. The male lion usually stays and watches its young while waiting for the lionesses to return from the hunt.

Lions interact with one another through peaceful tactile gestures such as head rubbing and social licking, which have been compared with grooming in primates. Head rubbing-nuzzling one's forehead, face and neck against another lion—appears to be a form of greeting.

Lions have the loudest roar of any big cat. Lions tend to roar in a very characteristic manner, starting with a few deep, long roars that trail off into a series of shorter ones. They most often roar at night; Lion sounds include snarling, purring, hissing, coughing, meowing, woofing and roaring.

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Use the reading sheet to answer the following questions.

Answer the following:

1) Where do lions mostly live?

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2) How long do lions live for in the wild?

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3) What are lions habitats typically like?

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4) Name a unique feature of the adult lion.

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5) How long does a lion stay inactive throughout the day?

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6) Why does the lioness do most of the hunting?

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7) What does the lion do while the lioness hunts?

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8) What are some gestures that lions use with one another?

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9) When do lions most often roar?

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10) Besides roaring what are some other sounds lions make?

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